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FALL IN THE PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Edible oil production presaged falling 13%` appearing in the Business Standard dated March 14, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the area under oilseeds has also declined in various States during the current rabi season;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to increase the area under oilseeds production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)
(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The production of oilseeds during the year 1998-99 was 252.10 lakh tonnes whereas during the year 1999-2000, the production is estimated to be 215.39 lakh tonnes only resulting in a fall in the production by 14.56%.

(c)&(d): On account of scanty rainfall in various States in the country during Rabi 1999 season, the area under oilseeds during current Rabi season has fallen short about

4.86 lakh ha. A statement of area under oilseeds during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 Rabi seasons, is given in the enclosed Annexure.

(e): A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is in implementationin 25 States covering 395 selected districts to increase the area and the productivity of Oilseeds in the country. Under the programme, financial assistance is being provided for the critical inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implement, gypsum/pyrites, micro-nutrients, rhyzobium culture etc. to the farmers through State Governments. In addition to this, frontline and general demonstrations are also organised on the farmer`s fields to disseminate the improved production and protection technologies.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE AREA UNDER OILSEEDS DURING 1998-99 AND 1999-2000 RABI SEASON

(area in `000 ha.)

S.No.	State	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	601.2	542.0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	20.6	-
3.	Assam	299.0	329.0
4.	Bihar	177.1	181.0

5. Goa	1.0	-
6. Gujarat	465.0	462.0
7 Haryana	554.0	530.0
8. Himachal Pradesh	13.7	14.0
9. Jammu & Kashmir	63.8	64.0
10. Karnataka	954.5	846.0
11. Madhya Pradesh	1092.6	1100.0
12. Maharashtra	822.0	794.0
13. Manipur	1.4	-
14. Meghalaya	6.9	-
15. Mizoram	2.2	-
16. Nagaland	17.2	-
17. Orissa	100.4	99.0
18. Punjab	158.3	99.0
19. Rajasthan	3011.3	2950.0
20. Sikkim	5.7	-
21. Tamil Nadu	307.2	385.0
22. Tripura	3.8	-
23. Uttar Pradesh	1274.8	1247.0
24. West Bengal	380.2	446.0
25. Others	4.8	65.0
ALL INDIA	10338.7	9853.0